

COVID-19 Information Bulletin #88

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Purpose of bulletin: To keep local stakeholders informed about COVID-19 and its implications for Wellington County, Dufferin County and the City of Guelph (WDG).

All editions of this bulletin are posted on [our website](#).

Current WDG Zone Level: [Provincewide Shutdown – Grey](#), (O. Reg. 82/20)

Please note that [Ontario Regulation 82/20](#) was amended on January 14, 2021 to include the additional measures announced by the [Government of Ontario](#), as outlined in [Enhancing Public Health and Workplace Safety Measures in the Provincewide Shutdown](#).

Surveillance

- Information about cases in WDG can be found on [our website](#)
- Information about institutional outbreaks can be found in the [Retirement and Long-Term Care Outbreak Bulletin](#)
- Information about local assessment centres and testing is available on [our website](#)

Extension of Provincial Emergency

On January 25, the [Government of Ontario](#) extended the declared provincial emergency for another 14 days. The declaration of emergency made under section 7.0.1 of the Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act (EMCPA), [originally declared on January 12, 2021](#), will now expire on February 9, 2021, unless extended further. All orders under the EMCPA, including O. Reg 11/21 (Stay-at-Home Order), O. Reg 8/21 (Enforcement of COVID-19 Measures) and O. Reg 13/21 (Residential Evictions) were also extended. Orders under the Reopening Ontario Act (ROA) continue to be in force.

Announcements and Changes to Services

- On January 26, the [Government of Ontario](#) announced it is providing \$5 million to support the province's Agricultural and Horticultural Societies impacted by the pandemic.
- On January 26, the [Government of Ontario](#) announced it is providing more than \$2.3 million to [McMaster University](#) and the [University of Toronto](#) through the Ontario Together Fund to carry out research, development and testing of the next generation of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE).
- On January 25, the [Government of Ontario](#) announced it is accelerating the vaccination of residents in long-term care, high-risk retirement, and First Nations elder care homes by a new target date of February 5, 2021.

- On January 25, the [Government of Ontario](#) announced it is expanding eligibility for the targeted emergency child care program to additional workers who are performing critical roles in their communities.
- On January 22, the [Government of Canada](#) announced it is investing \$162.6 million in the Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) over the next five years and \$40 million per year on an ongoing basis to maintain the integrity of Canada's food safety system, safeguard the food supply, and provide support to Canadian businesses in their export and import activities to overcome pandemic interruptions and global trade volatility.
- On January 22, the [Government of Canada](#) announced that it will deploy two federal Mobile Health Units (MHU) to Ontario, in response to a provincial request for assistance.

Additional Resources

- [Tips and Tools to Support School Staff Well-Being](#)
- [Student Mental Health Action Kit](#)
- [Stay-at-Home Order and FAQs](#) (Updated January 25)
- [COVID-19 Vaccination Update: Technical Briefing](#) (January 25)
- [For Persons Exempt from Mandatory Quarantine](#) (January 22)
- [For Travellers With Symptoms Returning to Canada](#) (January 22)
- [For Travellers Without Symptoms Returning to Canada](#) (January 22)

Contact Information for Additional Support

WDGPH COVID-19 Call Centre

Please note that our call centre is experiencing higher than normal call volumes due to the stay-at-home order and enhanced measures and restrictions.

- For health-related questions, including symptoms, close contacts or travel:
 - Call 519-822-2715 ext. 7006
 - Available Monday – Friday from 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
- For non-health related questions, including business or workplace concerns, social distancing/face covering questions or non-emergency reporting questions:
 - Call 519-822-2715 ext. 4020
 - Available Monday – Friday from 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Please do not call Public Health for your test results. Visit [how to get your COVID-19 test results](#).

Reliable Information Sources

Wellington-Dufferin-Guelph Public Health: www.wdgpublichealth.ca

Ontario Ministry of Health: www.ontario.ca/coronavirus

Public Health Agency of Canada: www.canada.ca/coronavirus

Ontario Emergency Information: www.ontario.ca/page/emergency-information